



News Notes

NCO Academy graduation - The Hickam PME Center cordially invites Team Hickam to a celebration recognizing NCO Academy Class 05-3 on the occasion of their graduation. The diploma and awards ceremony will be held Wednesday, at the Tradewinds Enlisted Club starting at 10:30 a.m. Military dress is uniform of the day. Come out and help honor this Air Force career milestone.

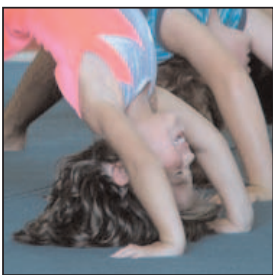
Base library closed - The library will be closed Tuesday and Wednesday for inventory. Sorry for any inconvenience. To contact the library call 449-8289.

Special Olympics needs volunteers - Special Olympics Hawaii needs volunteers for the 2005 Cop On Top Law Enforcement Fundraiser Thursday to Sept. 3 at various Safeway store rooftops. Volunteers are needed to create excitement and collect money on the ground, while the cops are on top.

Come out and support the law enforcement officers of the military, Department of Defense, Honolulu Police Department, and Sheriffs. Officers will take to the rooftops of 12 Safeway Stores with a commitment to remain up on the roofs for three consecutive days to raise money for Special Olympics Hawaii. Contact Cindy at 943-8808, ext. 27 or email volunteers@specialolympichawaii.org.

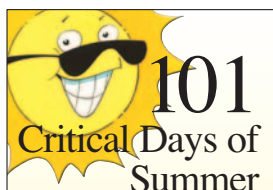
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Hearing Protection

Don't wait till it's too late. Put them on your ears so they'll be good for years.

Hawaii One gets wings

Hickam's first C-17 reaches milestone

By Tech. Sgt. Andrew Leonhard
 15th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Pacific Air Forces, 15th Airlift Wing and Hawaii Air National Guard members were treated to a tour of the Boeing C-17 plant and celebrated with more than 350 Boeing employees for a production milestone Aug. 19.

Hickam's first aircraft, named by Boeing's management as "Hawaii One," had its wings attached to the fuselage in a ceremony at the Long Beach, Calif., plant.

"This aircraft will bring a perfect blend of resources

together," said Col. Bill "Goose" Changose, 15th AW commander. According to the colonel, active-duty personnel with their moving around will be able to share different ideas and experiences while Guard members will be the continuity for the unit.

"I'm very excited about this," said Brig. Gen. Peter Pawling, 154th Wing commander, HIANG. "This aircraft brings synergy to the table and will create a better unit for Hickam."

"It's fantastic, not just for

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Photo by Tech. Sgt. Andrew Leonhard
Retired Army Master Sgt. Raymond Ganotise delivers a traditional blessing on the first C-17 Globemaster III scheduled to arrive at Hickam in February 2006 during a visit to the Boeing Long Beach plant Aug. 19.

Honoring fallen heroes



Photo by Oscar Hernandez
Members of a multi-service honor guard carry the remains of fallen heroes from a C-17 during a repatriation ceremony Aug. 19. The remains were found during a trip made by members of the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command to Vietnam and Laos. The remains are from World War II and the Vietnam War.

15th Dental Squadron conference room dedicated

Colonel Mark Uyebara remembered

By Christina Failma
 Kukini Staff Writer

A ceremony was held Aug. 19 to dedicate a conference room to Lt. Col. Mark Uyebara at the 15th Aeromedical Dental Squadron. Lt. Col. Stephanie Smith officiated the ceremony with Colonel Uyebara's wife, mother, father, brother, brother-in-law, sister, nephew and

nieces present.

"I really believe that he'll be remembered best for his spirit," said Lt. Col. Brantly Baynes of her late husband Colonel Uyebara.

Colonel Uyebara was assigned to Hickam Air Force Base as a deputy dental flight commander from 2001 to 2004 with the 15th AMDS. However, this was just one destination of many for a man who touched many lives.

"We're all just a bit richer and better off for having known him and to have

worked with him," said Col. David Hocking, 15th Medical Group commander.

Colonel Uyebara was born in South Laguna, Calif., to his parents Melvin and Joyce Uyebara. The family later moved to Hawaii where Colonel Uyebara grew up to be the local boy that he is remembered for.

He first completed his undergraduate degree at Creighton University and later acquired his Doctorate of Dental

Surgery certificate from the University of Washington School of Dentistry.

Colonel Uyebara entered the Air Force July 5, 1989. His career in the Air Force spans all the way from the United States, Japan, United Kingdom, and Turkey. While serving in Turkey, he met and married his wife Colonel Baynes.

On Dec. 18, 2004, the local boy that touched

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PME program undergoes changes to graduation

By Senior Airman Sarah Kinsman
 Kukini Editor

In the near future the Air Force Professional Military Education program will undergo some changes.

Formal graduation banquets will not be held for the last two classes in Fiscal Year 2005 and for the first class in Fiscal Year 2006. These classes are the noncommissioned officer academy class 05-6, 05-7 and 06-1 and senior NCOA classes 05-E, 05-F and 06-A.

The main reason for this restructuring of the graduation banquets is based on current budgetary constraints, according to a message from Air Force Headquarters.

"In reality the program is virtually unchanged when you talk about curriculum and learning objectives," said Chief Master Sgt. Jerol Mariotti, Hickam PME Commandant.

One thing the message requested was for the academies to incorporate a dining-in during the course "to further emphasize Air Force culture and tradition."

"I hope (the dining-in) always remains part of our program as it gives the students the opportunity to participate in an important Air Force tradition and hopefully have a little fun," said Chief Mariotti.

Nobody likes change but change decreases mediocrity, said the chief.

"We will learn from our mistakes, readjust, take in feedback and provide feedback," said Chief Mariotti.

In lieu of the graduation banquets, the Hickam PME

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One team, many tasks, one mission

By Col. Bill “Goose” Changose
15th Airlift Wing commander

This week we exercised our ability to prepare for and recover from a hurricane. All things considered, it went very well. However, we learned overarching lesson – we need to continue to improve upon Hickam's ability to conduct operations as an integrated fighting unit. One team, one mission! Some might say it's too hard to do ... that getting 140 tenant units fully synchronized and coordinated is a nice idea but can't be done. I disagree with the naysayers. As part of the world's greatest Air Force we have communications capabilities that are the envy of the world, but that's only one piece. More importantly, we have the greatest people. We have innovative Airmen who are not only capable, but thrive on solving challenges such as this.

I ask each of you, as a member of Team Hickam, to be on the look out for great ideas that will allow us to more closely integrate our procedures and actions. In addition, remember that we have to be ready to support and work with our sister services, friends and neighbors who live off base as well. Since we just finished the exercise this is a good time to remind everyone to have an emergency survival kit and plan to care for their dependents in the event of an emergency. Kudos to Team Hickam for a very busy and successful week last week. While a number of us were in California viewing the construction of our new C-17s, many at home were participating in the American Legion luncheon, Operation Hele On for our children, and a repatriation ceremony. We also welcomed home more of our security forces team and look forward to welcoming

home more Team Hickam members in the coming months. Another group of folks I would like to recognize are those who assisted with the CJCS visit. Capt. David Talafuse, Det. 1, 15th Mission Support Group, and his team bent over backwards to make things happen at Bellows, Ray Hill, the officer's club manager, and his team made he trek to Bellows to provide the luau, Master Sgt. John Chapman, 15th Civil Engineer Squadron, helped provide power for the luau lighting, Capt. Ryan Stalnaker, 15th Communications Squadron, helped keep the electrons flowing in the right direction and the 15th Logistics Readiness Squadron provided drivers to get people and their equipment where they needed to be on time. It was truly a team effort and I want to thank all of you for the great job you did. Finally, I would like to



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Andrew Leonhard
Boeing employees, including Ron Marcotte (far left), present Gen. Peter Pawling, 154th Wing commander, and Col. Bill “Goose” Changose, 15th Airlift Wing commander, with a “Bird Form” diagram of all eight of Hickam's C-17s during a visit to the Long Beach plant where the aircraft are being built. The first C-17 is scheduled to arrive in February 2006.

thank the security forces members who came in on a Saturday to ensure more than 40 contractors had badges for the access they needed on base. Keep up the hard work and dedication to excellent customer service. As always, have a great weekend, take care of each other and be safe.

Goals important in both personal, professional life

By Lt. Col. Laura Berry
352nd Information Operations Squadron commander

A few assignments ago a friend asked about my goals at my next assignment. I did the standard and listed some things about my new unit and what I hoped to achieve in my new job. My friend threw a curve and asked about my personal goals, not my professional goals. He also wanted to know about my short-term and long-term goals. It was an eye-opener to realize that I was so busy with my Air Force career that I hadn't set any goals for my personal life. I had some vague ideas of where I wanted to end up but no real plan on how to get there or what I wanted to do along the way. Ever since that conversation I've set

goals for every assignment to help ensure I maintain a balance between my professional and personal lives. My goal for Germany was to ski as many Alps countries as possible. I missed a few but I had a lot of fun and visited some fantastic cities, villages and ski slopes. I also completed professional military education to ensure I was focusing on professional development at the same time. One of my goals for Hawaii was to complete a triathlon. It didn't have to be Ironman distance and I didn't have to win or place, I just had to finish. Done. It may not seem like much but when balanced with being a squadron commander, the training time was a real commitment. Since that conversation I've asked many friends and co-workers about their goals.

They've ranged from completing a Community College of the Air Force degree, getting a bachelor's or master's degree or learning a new hobby. Many haven't set any goals, they're just happy to float along and let life happen. I've talked to some who feel their goals aren't substantial enough to talk about out loud. Jokingly one of my Airmen said his goal was to be the best Halo computer game player he could be. I think he was surprised when I said that while it might not get him promoted I thought it was a valid goal. Turns out he was on the Air Force team that won the inter-service Halo tournament at Pearl Harbor a few weeks ago. He achieved his goal and each team member won an X-Box game station. A former boss broke down goals into

four primary categories. These categories are professional, personal, educational and spiritual. I'd add that there are short-term and long-term goals for each of these categories. The idea is to maintain as much of a balance as possible between the four categories so that when our busy Air Force careers or family emergencies arise we can concentrate on one area at the expense of others. Hopefully we've been maintaining that elusive balance to allow for a shift in importance when needed. What goals have you set for your life? Have you tried to balance the four categories? What have you done to achieve those goals? You don't have to tell anyone. You just have to set a goal and start working towards it. There's no better time than now.

Action Line

The purpose of the Action Line is in its name. It's your direct link to me so we can work as a team to make Hickam a better community. It also allows you to recognize individuals who go above and beyond in their duties – and we all know there are plenty of those folks here. All members of Team Hickam are welcome to use the Action Line; however, I urge you to give the normal chain of command the first chance at resolving problems or issues. It's only fair to give our commanders and managers the first opportunity to work issues under their responsibility. If you have done this and are still not satisfied, give my commander's Action Line a call. If you would like me to get back to you, leave

your name and number, state your issue, tell me who you have talked to and why you were not satisfied with their response. I'll work your issue and respond verbally or in writing. The Action Line number is 449-2996. Messages may also be sent by e-mail to 15aw.pal@hickam.af.mil.

Correction
In the Aug. 19 issue of the *Kukini* the response to the Dishwasher 911 comment was mistyped. The correct version should have said: “When you called, we were in the middle of transitioning your house from military family housing to privatized housing and we dropped the ball.” The *Kukini* staff apologizes for the error.

Vehicle for sale signs

Comment: People are using the building 1102 parking lot like a lemon lot, leaving cars parked there for days and even weeks with for sale signs in the windows. This is making an already difficult parking situation even worse. Can anything be done about this?

Response: Thank you for bringing this to my attention. Vehicles advertised for sale will not be parked in any area for the specific purpose of advertisement unless registered and parked within the Auto Resale Lot. However, this does not preclude owners from displaying “for sale” signs in their privately-owned vehicles while the vehicle is in operation, parked

at assigned quarters, or parked at the owner's assigned duty section. Please report violators to the 15th Security Forces Squadron Control Center at 449-6373 and provide them with the make, model, license plate number and, most importantly, the location of the vehicle. Security forces will investigate, and if appropriate, issue a citation. The owner will have 72 hours to comply with the base policy before the vehicle is towed. If you have further questions or concerns please don't hesitate to call security forces operations at 449-2200. For your information, the vehicles in question were ticketed. I appreciate your concerns, and once again thank you for letting me know.

Hickam Diamond Tips

Wear of the battle dress uniform or baseball cap

The hats should be worn squarely on the head with no hair protruding in front of the cap. When not being worn, the hat is stowed in either of the lower cargo pockets on the trousers. The baseball cap may be attached to either lower pants pocket button on the BDU trouser leg.



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Hickam Family Support Center
449-0300
Life Skills Support Center
449-0175
Law Enforcement Desk
449-6373
Base Chaplain
449-1754
Military Family Abuse Shelter
533-7125
SARC Hotline
449-7272

Hickam Voices

What are you looking forward to most when you get back to Hickam after your deployment?



I'm looking forward to seeing my wife and son. It will be truly awesome to be able to spend time with them again.
2nd Lt. Joshua Aultman
15th Communications Squadron



I'm looking forward to evening walks and talks with my wife and kids and much cooler weather.
Master Sgt. Richard Scott
15th Services Squadron



I'm looking forward to going back to the beautiful beaches of Oahu and getting back just in time for the winter swell on the North Shore.
Tech. Sgt. Richard Gill
15th Services Squadron



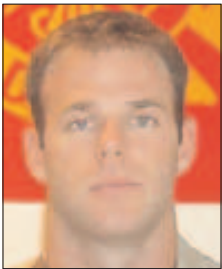
I think the first thing I would like to do after in-processing would be to praise the Lord to be home, hug on my boys and my wonderful wife, then slide into my recliner with remote in hand, beer in the other and my dogs piled on my lap.
Staff Sgt. Michael McCormick
15th Civil Engineer Squadron



I'm looking forward to my wife returning from her deployment and going to Bellows for the weekend.
Senior Airman Daniel Chang
15th Contracting Squadron



I am really looking forward to getting to lay on the beach and just enjoy the beautiful water. The sand is great but I have had enough of that here. I'm looking forward to having water to go with the sand. I'm ready to feel 90 degree weather and think it is cool outside still.
Airman 1st Class Robert Bond
15th Services Squadron



The thing I am looking forward to the most when I get home is holding my son in my arms and giving my wife a hug and kiss. I can't wait to let them know face-to-face how much I missed them.
Airman 1st Class Timothy McMillen
15th Civil Engineer Squadron

Next week's question:
For parents: How did it feel to take your kindergartner to school for the first day?

Troops welcomed home



Photo by Christina Fallma

Staff Sgt. Kenneth Broughman, 15th Security Forces Squadron, talks with Chaplain (Capt.) Robert Berger, 15th Airlift Wing Chapel and 15th SFS Chaplain, after his return from a forward deployed location Saturday. Five 15th SFS troops were welcomed home by family and friends from the United Arab Emirates. The troops were primarily responsible for integrated base defense.

Airmen recognized along side Army comrades for heroism in Fallujah

By Betty Squatrito-Martin
Kukini Staff Writer

Someone once said, "Some people are born great and some people have greatness thrust upon them." Senior Airmen Jesse Wagnon and Nicholas Franda, 25th Air Support Operations Squadron, had greatness thrust upon them during their deployment to Kirkuk, Iraq from July 2004 to February 2005.

It was late October early November 2004 and things began heating up in Fallujah. The U.S Forces were mounting a response to the insurgency that had taken root in Fallujah.

Enter Airmen Franda and Wagnon. Their efforts, along with the 1st Infantry Division Task Force 2nd Battalion 2nd Infantry in support of the 1st Marine Division helped rid Fallujah of insurgents, which resulted in the awarding of the presidential unit citation.

Airmen Franda and Wagnon were going through everyday operations in Kirkuk when the 1st ID Task Force 2-2 called for additional Joint Terminal Attack Controllers. Airmen Franda and Wagnon answered the call.

According to Airman Franda, the two of them piggybacked on convoys to get to their destination, Forward

Operating Base Fallujah, which was about five to ten miles from Fallujah.

There they stayed until one of the Airmen who were in Fallujah took shrapnel. The truck he was in was destroyed, and that's how Airmen Franda and Wagnon got pushed down to Fallujah, said Airman Wagnon.

They arrived in the town of Fallujah during the third day of heavy fighting.

"We pushed forward at the last minute, rolling in in the middle of the night with small arms fire, rocket-propelled grenades, mortars and other artillery going off around us," said Airman Franda. "It was all pretty intense."

According to reports by Jim Krane of the associated press, Air Force and Marine JTAC teams directed front line strikes from the rooftops of Fallujah using computers and laser target designator gear.

Once Airmen Wagnon and Franda arrived in Fallujah, they controlled air strikes for the Army during the fire-fight.

"The Army guys were really knowledgeable about close air support. They were feeding me targets and I was able to control the air strikes," said Airman Franda.

Airmen Franda and



Courtesy photo

Senior Airmen Jesse Wagnon and Nicholas Franda, 25th Air Support Operations Squadron, pose for a photo during their deployment to Fallujah. Their efforts there earned them a presidential citation.

Wagnon stayed in Fallujah until the main fighting was complete and then pulled out and headed back to Kirkuk.

"It was a good time," said Airman Wagnon. "You got to do what you're trained to do."

"It was a good learning experience," said Airman Franda. "It was my first live control and it was a text-book operation."

"They were in the thick of things and did a superior

job," said Lt. Col. Kevin Cole, 25th ASOS commander.

The 2nd battalion, 2nd Infantry Regiment 1st Infantry Division was awarded the Presidential unit citation May 10, 2005 for extraordinary heroism in military operations against an armed enemy Nov. 8 to Nov. 20, 2004. As Airmen attached to the Army unit, Airman Franda and Wagnon were among those awarded the presidential citation.

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Embry-Riddle's October term courses – Embry Riddle is offering 25 undergraduate courses during its Fall term (Oct. 3 to Dec. 12), to include a wide variety of general education, management, safety of flight, and global security and intelligence courses. With two new minor courses of study in occupational safety and health and international relations to complement our existing minors in management, safety, and security and intelligence, Embry-Riddle can meet anyone's educational goals. Two new classes to be offered at Hickam include GOVT 325 - International Studies, and SCTY 385 - Intelligence Analysis, Writing and

Briefing. The Fall term schedule of undergraduate and graduate classes is now available and registration starts Wednesday. Embry-Riddle is located in Room 117 of Hangar 2. Stop by to discuss educational goals with an Embry-Riddle representative.

Airmen Against Drunk Driving – The Hickam Airmen Against Drunk Driving is a program designed to save lives and careers. Call 449-RIDE (7433) or 449-LIFT (5438) if in need of a designated driver. AADD can always use volunteers. As a volunteer, drivers will be required to be on-call from 6 p.m. Friday through 6 a.m. Sunday. Volunteer

drivers must pick up the caller and his party from his stated location and drive the person to his place of residence only.

AADD on-line survey – Complete the survey at the following link to help better this program. Sign into the AF Portal, and be redirected automatically to the AADD website. <https://rso.my.af.mil/afknprod/ASPS/CoP/OpenCoP.asp?Filter=OOT-PC-01>.

Any questions concerning the Airmen Against Drunk Driving Program or to volunteer, contact Airman 1st Class Tara Newcomb at 448-2115 or Airman 1st Class Darin Stout at 449-5916 or via

email in the global.

Base training and education services – Base training and education services is hosting an open house Sept. 14 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 900 Hangar Ave. Featured for the open house will be displays of on-base schools and their programs; skills, abilities and interests surveys; on-line tuition assistance tutorials; CCAF information and counseling; distance learning resources and commissioning, financial aid, and testing information. Free child care, door prizes and refreshments will be provided. For more information call Terry Brown or Lydia Beatty at 449-6363 or 448-0918.



Photo By Christina Failma

Lt. Col. Brantly Baynes leis a framed picture collage of late husband Lt. Col. Mark Uyebara while friends and family look on.

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many hearts passed away. “Mark always chose the positive,” a teary-eyed Colonel Baynes said. Tears soon filled the room as all remembered the man that made them smile. The short slide show brought memories, tears, and laughter. Colonel Uyebara was known for his positive attitude and on April 1996, he offered some advice everyone can learn from. “Life is a long and rocky road with many ruts in it ... and success in life is not a destination, it's a journey. So as you travel along this road, it's good to have a map. But don't spend too much time staring at the map for directions, you might not see a turn, or worse, you may run into a tree. Keep your engine tuned for this journey, and have a spare tire. Watch for signs ... sometimes they're hidden behind branches. Use your rear view mirrors, it shows you where you have been ... but always remember to look ahead, that's where the journey lies. Try not to stare at the road, you may miss a beautiful sunset or barreling beach break. Enjoy the drive because this is it. Keep your eyes open and hands on the wheel. Get up and live.”

Project ASSIST provides testing

By Staff Sgt. Betty Squatrito-Martin
Kukini Staff Writer

Little Johnny just can't seem to sit still. He can't focus on his schoolwork and his teacher reports that he is disruptive, impulsive and inattentive in class. Moreover, little Johnny seems to be socially inept. Parents and teachers attempt to correct his behavior, and nothing proves successful. Finally, the teacher suggests little Johnny be tested for attention deficit hyperactivity disorder. This is just one scenario that plays out in schools, which has created a need for a team of experts to test and analyze student behaviors and capabilities. Enter augmentation of special-needs service and information to students and teachers, otherwise known as Project ASSIST. Project ASSIST works in conjunction with the Hawaii

Department of Education and the Office of Special Needs Services at Tripler Army Medical Center to test students cognitive ability, academic achievement, visual processing ability, auditory processing ability, reasoning skills, and behavioral and emotional factors. “The purpose of the tests is to identify medical problems like ADHD, auditory processing disorder, dyslexia and autism spectrum disorder, which includes Aspergers disorder,” said Dr. Janice Bryan, PHD, child clinical psychologist. Once parents decide to have their children tested and evaluated, they should speak with the children's teachers or student services located at their schools and coordinate testing with Project ASSIST, said Dr. Bryan. Upon completion of the testing and evaluation, Project ASSIST will put together an eight to 12 page report on their findings.

“The report will make recommendations for classroom modifications and suggestions for home activities,” said Dr. Bryan. Project ASSIST is available to evaluate students through three different hubs. Hub one includes Pearl Harbor Kai Elementary, Hickam Elementary, Mokulele Elementary and Ft. Shafter Elementary. Hub two includes Hale Kula, Solomon, located on Schofield Barracks and Wheeler elementary schools. Mokapu on Kaneohe Marine Corps Air Station and Iroquois Point at Barber's Point make up the third hub. According to Dr. Bryan, Project ASSIST developed as a means to help alleviate Tripler's backlog of students requiring testing. Parents seeking testing at Tripler found themselves waiting up to six months for the test. Project ASSIST cut the

wait time in half as the completion of testing now takes two to three months, added Dr. Bryan. Testing takes place at the schools. Occupation and physical therapy are available at the schools if a student is in need of special services. Over the course of Project ASSIST, 863 students have been tested and evaluated. During the 2004-2005 school year the evaluation of 287 students took place. If parents suspect their child may need testing, they do not have to wait for a teacher's recommendation. If parents suspect their child of having any of the autism spectrum disorders they should speak with their child's teacher or student services located at their schools, said Dr. Bryan. *(This program is not the same as the Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training.)*

AFPC notifies Airmen of identity theft problem

Security breach affects 33,000

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas – The Air Force is notifying more than 33,000 Airmen that a security breach has occurred in the online Assignment Management System.

The notification comes after Air Force Personnel Center officials alerted Air Force and Federal investigators to unusually high activity on a single user's AMS account in June.

AMS, an online program used for assignment preferences and career management, contains career information on officers and enlisted members as well as some personal information like birth dates and social security numbers, according to Col. Lee Hall, director of assignments at AFPC. It does not contain personal addresses, phone numbers or specific dependent information.

A malicious user accessed approximately half of the officer force's individual information while only a handful of non-commissioned officers were affected, according to Lt. Col. John Clarke, AFPC's deputy director of Personnel Data Systems. The individual used a legitimate user's login information to access and/or download individuals' personal information.

"We notified Airmen as quickly as we could while still following criminal inves-

tigation procedures with the OSI," said Maj. Gen. Tony Przybyslawski, AFPC commander. "Protecting Airmen's personal information is something we take very seriously and we are doing everything we can to catch and prosecute those responsible under the law.

"We notified the individuals involved outlining what happened and how they can best insulate themselves from this potential risk," the general added. "We've taken steps to increase our system security. We're working with all Air Force agencies to identify vulnerabilities. We must keep our data protected."

In the meantime, officials say officers may login to the virtual Military Personnel Flight at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/vs/> to see if their information was viewed. If it was, they will receive a pop-up banner after login which will provide additional information. The small number of enlisted members who have had their information viewed will be contacted directly.

Officials also said Airmen may decide to follow Federal Trade Commission guidelines for dealing with identity theft at <http://www.consumer.gov/idtheft/index.html>. Under the Fair Credit Reporting Act, beginning Sept. 1, 2005, everyone is entitled to one free credit check annually, to request this free report visit <http://www.annualcreditreport.com>. Any Airman who believes he or she has become a victim of identity theft, should contact the local base OSI and legal office.



Damage to private property/vandalism

A Hickam Golf Pro Shop civilian employee notified security forces about damages to the Pro Shop's men's bathroom. Estimated damage: \$150.

Promoting dangerous/detrimental drugs

Four people were apprehended at the Hickam main gate for promoting two different substances which later tested positive for narcotics. All four people were processed and eventually released to Honolulu Police.

Failure to obey a lawful order

A military family member notified security forces, who was in need of assistance due to an active-duty military member in violation of a lawful order.

Shoplifting

A military family member was detained by Army Air

Force Exchange Service Store detectives for shoplifting. Total cost of stolen merchandise: \$10.

Harassment

An active-duty Air Force member notified Security Forces about a military family member making racial remarks towards him at the enlisted club.

Shoplifting

A military family member was detained by AAFES store detectives for shoplifting. Total cost of stolen merchandise: \$110.95.

Shoplifting

A guest of a military family member was detained by AAFES store detectives for shoplifting. Total cost of stolen merchandise: \$18.

Housebreaking and theft of personal property

An active-duty Air Force member notified security forces about her residence

being burglarized. The resident further discovered that her son's video game system and other electronic items were missing.

Damage to private property

A military family member notified security forces about her privately owned vehicle being damaged at the auto resale lot.

Housebreaking and theft of personal property

A military family member notified security forces about her residence being burglarized while away on vacation. The resident further discovered numerous items missing.

Damage to private property

A member of the Hawaii Air National Guard notified security forces about his privately-owned vehicle being damaged in the parking lot of building 3392. Estimated damage: \$2,000.

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From A1

center will hold a graduation ceremony for the graduates.

“We hope to provide a simple but dignified ceremony that will honor this special occasion. The ceremony will be somewhat like a Community College of the Air Force graduation,” said the chief. “Most importantly, we will have 53 of the most professional technical sergeants standing tall getting their diplomas. Of course we hope to have a lot of Team Hickam there cheering them along also.”

All of Team Hickam is invited to attend a ceremony honoring graduates from the NCO academy class 05-3 Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. in the Tradewinds Enlisted Club.

C-17, From A1

the Air Force or the Guard but also for the local resource it brings to the state of Hawaii,” the General said, while standing in front of the Globemaster III.

Not only will the C-17 provide a resource for the state, but according to its other co-partner in operations, the personnel it brings together is a significant advantage.

“We are 100 percent committed to this. It's something that has never happened before in the Air Force,” explained Colonel Changose about the first time a Guard and active-duty unit will operate and maintain the same aircraft.

One enlisted Sky Warrior attending the event looks forward to the aircraft's arrival.

“I look forward to the new aircraft scent,” said Senior Airman Young Kim, 15th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron. “Just like how a lot of people love that new car scent I'm sure the C-17 will also have a brand new smell.”

The communications navigation system specialist was excited about the many upgrades the new C-17 employs compared to previous C-17s he worked on at McChord Air Force Base, Wash.

“I'm really curious as to how much more advanced the new weather radar system and the on-board inert gas generation systems are,” he said.

As for the tour of the plant, the senior airman was impressed by how the integration of Boeing and the Air Force was seen throughout the production line.

“I have a better view now of how we are each working hand-in-hand during this production,” he said. “It's cool to see the aircraft form from scratch.”

The aircraft is due to arrive at Hickam in February 2006.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Andrew Leonhard

Members from Team Hickam and some civic leaders visited Boeing's plant in Long Beach, Calif. Aug. 19 to see the progression of the C-17s coming to Hickam. The first C-17 Globemaster III is scheduled to arrive on Hickam in February 2006. More C-17s are scheduled to follow throughout 2006.



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Discovery stops at Altus, Barksdale

WASHINGTON (AFP) – Thousands of onlookers defied the summer heat to watch Space Shuttle Discovery arrive at two Air Force bases Aug. 19. Altus Air Force Base, Okla., was the first of two stops for NASA's shuttle ferry, a Boeing 747 that carried the space shuttle on its back from Edwards Air Force Base, Calif., to Kennedy Space Center, Fla.

Discovery landed successfully at Edwards Aug. 9 amid concerns that impacts with debris during its launch might have damaged its heat-shielding tiles.

After refueling at Altus, the shuttle ferry landed at Barksdale AFB, La., for a scheduled overnight stay. Discovery's Saturday departure was delayed to the next day due to weather and potential rain damage to the shuttle's thermal tiles and blankets.

(Story by Airman 1st Class Brandon Kusek, 2nd Bomb Wing Public Affairs)

DoD announces one-year open SBP enrollment

WASHINGTON (AFP) – Department of Defense officials announced Aug. 19 that military retirees, who opted out of some or all their Survivor Benefit Plan coverage, will have another opportunity to elect coverage during a one-year open enrollment period beginning Oct. 1 and running through Sept. 30, 2006.

Upon a retiree's death, the plan provides an annuity of up to 55 percent of the military retired pay. Until recently, the annuity for a surviving spouse age 62 or older was reduced to 35 percent to reflect the availability of Social Security benefits. This reduction will phase out by April 2008, and the full 55-percent benefit will be paid regardless of the spouse's age in accordance with the fiscal 2005 National Defense Authorization Act.

Current nonparticipants will be able to elect any coverage

they could have elected previously upon retiring from active service or upon receiving notification of eligibility for Reserve retired pay at age 60.

Hidden mission important to base

KIRKUK AIR BASE, Iraq (AFP) – Many Airmen may not know what a command post controller contributes to the base mission because he or she is often hidden behind closed doors.

The 506th Air Expeditionary Group command post's main mission is to provide command and control in the alerting and communication networking for the base. Though that mission is an important aspect to what the command post accomplishes on a daily basis, it fulfills many more roles.

Controllers perform basic flight following, assist in crisis management, and maintain a 24-hour work center coordinating base communications.

(Story by Airman 1st Class Elana Cotton, 506th Air Expeditionary Group)

Wired in Baghdad



BAGHDAD, Iraq – Staff Sgt. Veronica Worman runs Constantine wire and barbed wire along the flightline perimeter here. Volunteers will run more than 36,000 feet of wire to help protect people and aircraft at Baghdad International Airport. Sergeant Worman is assigned to the 447th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron and is deployed from Cannon Air Force Base, N.M.

Photo by Tech. Sgt. Brian Davidson



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Teen driver's education instruction

The community center's teen driver's education

instruction is a six-week class followed by six hours of behind the wheel instruction. The cost is \$365 for the complete class. For more information or to sign up for the session beginning Saturday, call the community center at 449-3354.

Scrapbook club

The scrapbook club will have a scrapbook workshop Saturday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. at the community center. There is a fee of \$25 for the half-day workshop and \$30 for the full day. The fee includes use of workspace, cropping tools, handouts and instruction. The next workshop is scheduled for October 22. For more information, call the com-

munity center at 449-3354.



Artist and craftsman contest

Now is the time to start working on artist and craftsman contest entries for 2005. There are four categories this year: fine arts, industrial arts, textile arts and picture arts. Entries are accepted from all youth and adults beginning Sept. 9. For more information, call the arts and crafts center at 449-1568.



Kayak Waimea Bay

Get a little exercise and

have a great time doing it with Hickam Outdoor Recreation. Experience the North Shore by kayaking Waimea Bay Sunday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The price is \$40 per person and includes all rental equipment, transportation and guides. Bring a lunch, sunscreen and swimsuit. For more information, call outdoor recreation at 449-5215.

Last chance to bowl for a buck in August

This is the last chance to bowl for just \$1 in August. The offer is valid Wednesday from 4 to 9 p.m. There is still one more chance to take advantage of this program, so stop by the Hickam Bowling Center or call 449-2707 for more information.

Butcher's choice and total request Fridays

Enjoy a choice of the best cuts of beef, pork, fish, chicken and kabobs at the Hickam Enlisted Club's "Butcher's Choice" night, tonight. Everything is at market cost with a \$1 off Members First discount. After filling up at butcher's

choice (5:30 to 9 p.m.), head over to J.R. Rockers for total request Fridays for great music and a chance to meet new people. For more information, call 449-1292.



Try before buying

The monthly golf product demo day is Saturday at the award-winning Pro Shop at Mamala Bay Golf Course. Stop by and try out the new 2005 Callaway golf products from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, call 449-2047.

Friday night dinner at officers club

A la carte dinner and pasta bar is available every Friday night from 6 to 8 p.m. in the dining room. The menu seems endless. Choose from prime rib, sautéed or broiled mahi mahi, shrimp tempura, filet combo, garlic shrimp with

basil, chicken cordon blue, peel and eat shrimp or the featured pasta bar. For more information, call 448-4608.

Drama classes

The community center announces its newest drama class: S.T.A.R.S. ON STAGE (Singers, Thespians and Rising Stars). Children ages 7 to 16 are invited to sign up for performing arts classes at the community center. There are two different class types, musical theater classes and karaoke classes. Classes are \$35 and will start Sept. 6. For more information, call the community center at 449-3354.

Wet Hens basic sailing course

The Wet Hens Sailing Course is a ten-week course that starts Sept. 8 from 9 a.m. to noon. Cost is \$80 per person, which includes sailing instruction on a 14' Catalina, instruction materials and more. Sign up early because class size is limited. For more information, call Robin Cook at 423-0511 or Gina Purvis at 674-2677.